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APPLICANTS : Mitsuhiro NADA Confirmation No. 1348
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FOR : HYBRID POWER OUTPUT APPARATUS AND
CONTROL METHOD
GROUP ART UNIT : 3618
EXAMINER : Jeffrey J. RESTIFO

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 28, 2007 in the above-identified application, the Applicant respectfully elects, with traverse, Species A, FIG. 1. The claims within the elected species that Applicant's believe read on Species A are claims 1-23. The Applicant respectfully traverses this election requirement and requests examination of Species B and C.

The Applicant respectfully traverses this election of species requirement and respectfully requests withdrawal thereof as the inventions of Species A, B, and C, as identified by the Examiner, are sufficiently related, and examination of these species does not create a serious burden on the Examiner. For example, certain embodiments of the present invention are directed to a control for an internal combustion engine, an electrical power-mechanical power input-output unit, and a motor. The subject matter of claim 1 is applicable to the structures of FIGS. 1, 9, and 10.

Further, the undersigned submits that even if the election of species requirement is proper, 37 CFR § 1.141 provides that a reasonable number of species may nevertheless be claimed, and therefore searched, in one application. MPEP § 806.04(a).

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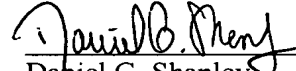
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The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (202) 220-4420 to discuss any matter concerning this application. The Office is authorized to charge any fees related to this communication to Deposit Account No. 11-0600.

Respectfully submitted,

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